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FOREWORD

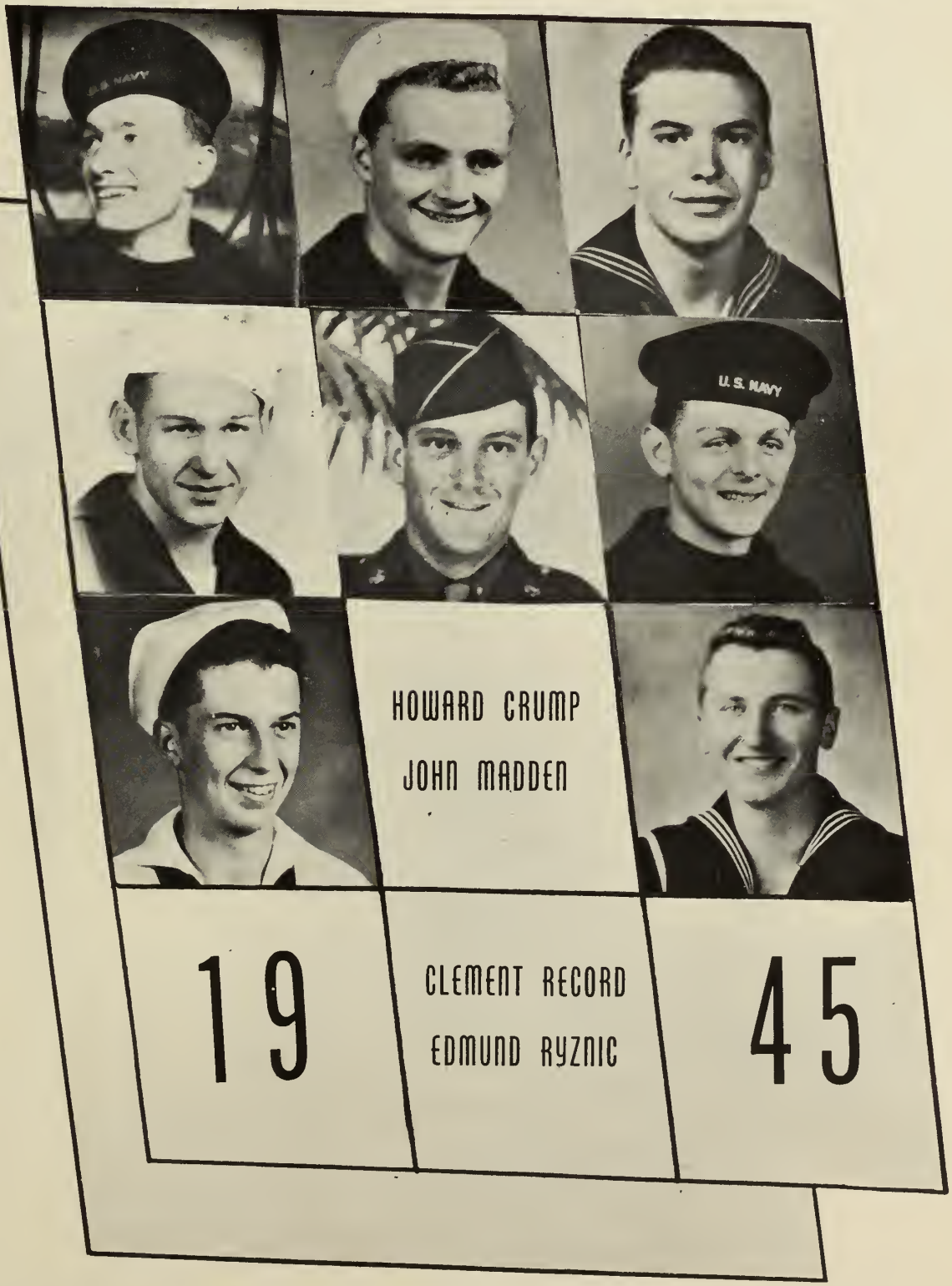
"O Freedom! if to me belong
Nor mighty Milton's gift divine,
Nor Marvell's wit and graceful song,
Still with a love as deep and strong
As theirs, I lay, like them, my best gifts
on thy shrine!"

From *Proem* by
JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We have endeavored to have this Gold Bug one which will reflect our awareness of the conflict which surrounds us. We feel that an understanding of the war is necessary as a basis for the promotion of a lasting peace. Thus the themes of patriotism and school life in wartime are used to accomplish this plan.

WE DEDICATE THIS BOOK



We dedicate our book to the former members of the Class of 1945 who are now serving their country in the armed services.

BERNARD ALDRICH (Navy), THOMAS MANNETT (Navy), EUGENE PELCHAT (Navy), GEORGE SELANIS (Navy), RALPH THORNTON (Army), THOMAS URSIA (Navy), CLARENCE WARNER (Navy), HENRY WZIONTKA (Navy), HOWARD CRUMP (Navy), JOHN MADDEN (Navy), CLEMENT RECORD (Marines), EDMUND RYZNIC (Army).

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THE deep interest taken in our future and the sympathetic understanding of our problems by Mr. Perry, our principal, have received the appreciation of each individual of the class of 1945. We respect his pleasing personality and ability to manage a position made difficult by the emergencies of war. His never-failing sense of humor and his alertness to the happenings of the times have won our sincerest admiration.

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"Varn"
"A penny saved is a penny earned."
Activities: Gold Bug (3,—Co-Editor); Graphic (3); Hi-Y (2,3); Chemistry Club (3); Social Studies Club (3); Outing Club (2,3,—President 3).

ELINOR ANDERSON
"Andy"
"I was never less alone than when by myself."
Activities: Graphic (2,3); Tri-S (2); Country Dance Club (1).
After school sports: (2,3—"A"—3).

CLEO ANDERSON
"Andy"
"Let thy words be fun."
Activities: Student Council (2); Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1); Pro Merito (3).
After school sports: (1,2,3,—"A"—1,2,3).

Ernest Bacon
"Squeak"
"Sincere and earnest."
Activities: Victory Corps (1).

Olive Bixby
"Bix"
"Never give up."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Chorus (3); Chemistry Club (3); Social Studies Club (2,3); Outing Club (2,3); Victory Corps (1).
After school sports: (1).

Pammela Jean Blundell
"Pam"
"Inscrutable, colossal, and alone."
Activities: Graphic (3); Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Social Studies Club (3); Country Dance Club (1).
After school sports: (1,2).

"WATCH OUT! I'M TICKLISH"

Isabelle Bowen
"Billy"
"Be useful where thou livest."
Activities: Student Council (3); Gold Bug (3); Tri-S (1,2,3); Chorus (2,3) Class Play (2); Country Dance Club (2); Pro Merito (3).
After school sports: (1,2,3, —"A"—1,2,3).

GORDON BRIDGES
"Brig"
"I saw and loved."
Activities: Student Council (3); Hi-Y (3); Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Swimming (2,3—"A"—2,3).

KATHLEEN MARY CANAVAN
"Kasey"
"Though sometimes tardy, I usually arrive."
Activities: Gold Bug (3); Graphic (3); Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Social Studies Club (3); Country Dance Club (1).

ROSEMARY CLAIRE BROWN
"Mimi"
"Do the day's work."
Activities: Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Band (1, 2,3); Chorus (1,2,3); Social Studies Club (3); Outing Club (2,3); Country Dance Club (2).
After school sports: (1,2,3).

JULIA BYSIEWSKI
"Judy"
Efficiency."
Activities: Chorus (1); Country Dance Club (2); Tri-S (3); Victory Corps (1).

GULP! GOOD MORNIN'

LAURA CANON
"Laura"
"The triumph of hope and experience."

JEAN CARTER
"Jean"
"A blue eye is a true eye."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Class Play (2); Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1).
After school sports: (1,3).

STANLEY CISLO
"Cis"
"I have not yet begun to fight."
Activities: Model Airplane Club (3); Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Football (1,3).

MARY LOUISE CLARK
"Clarkie"
"Organize the unorganized."
Activities: Gold Bug (3); Graphic (3); Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Chorus (3); Chemistry Club (3); Social Studies Club (3); Outing Club (2,3); Country Dance Club (1).
After school sports: (1,2,3, "A"—3).

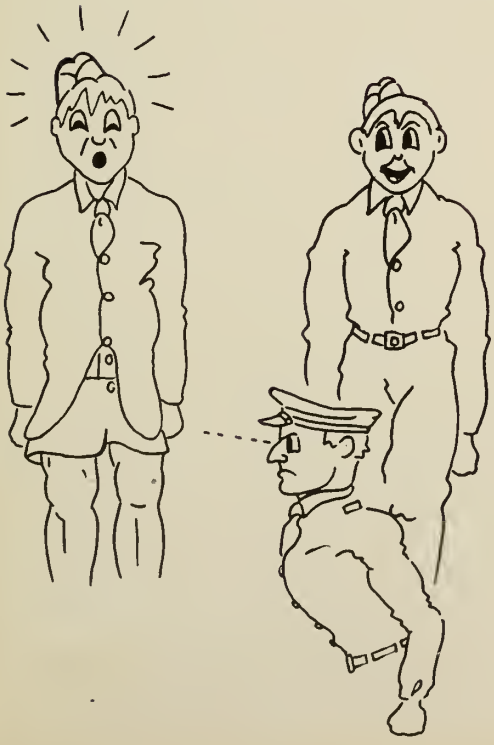
JOANNA CLIFFORD
"Irish"
"Devout, yet cheerful."
Activities: Tri-S (1); Social Studies Club (3); Country Dance Club (1,2).

DOROTHY ELIZABETH COBBS
"Dot"
"Full of sweet indifference."
Activities: Tri-S (3); Social Studies Club (3). Transfer from East Bridgewater, Mass.

NANCY KLINE CORNELIUS
"Goat"
"Semper Fidelis."
Activities: Gold Bug (3); Graphic (2,3); Tri-S (2,3); Chorus (3); Social Studies Club (3); Vice President; Country Dance Club (2); Secretary; Pro Merito (3).

NANCY E. DEAN
"Dean"
"I shall laugh myself to death."
Activities: Graphic (3); Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Chemistry Club (3); Social Studies Club (3); Outing Club (2,3); Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1).
After school sports: (1,2,3).

John L. DeNyse
"Jack"
"Appearances are deceptive"
Activities: Class Vice President (3); Student Council (2, Vice President); Gold Bug (3); Graphic (3); Hi-Y (2,3); Secretary-Treasurer (3); Band (1,2,3); Chorus (3); Social Studies Club (3), President; Outing Club (3); Class Play (2).



Charles DeRose
"Charlie"
"Although he is silent, he speaks."
Activities: Projectionists Club 3, Secretary-Treasurer; Victory Corps (1).

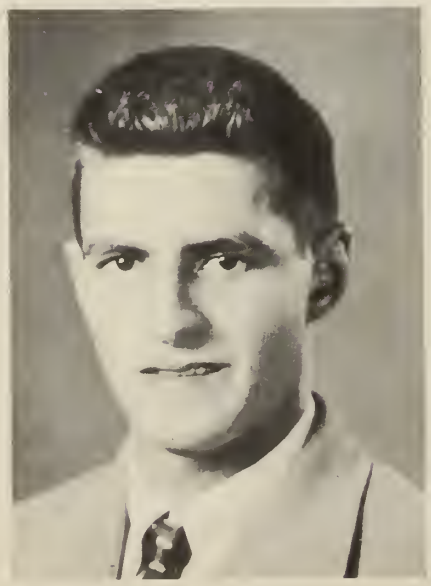
Margaret Patricia Desmond
"Peggy"
"He marks—not that you won or lost—but how you played the game."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Chorus (3); Outing Club (2); Country Dance Club (1).
After school sports: (1,2,3 —"A"—2,3).

Alice Louise Dickinson
"Al"
"It matters not how long we live, but how."
Activities: Chorus (1,3); Country Dance Club (1); Victory Corps (1).

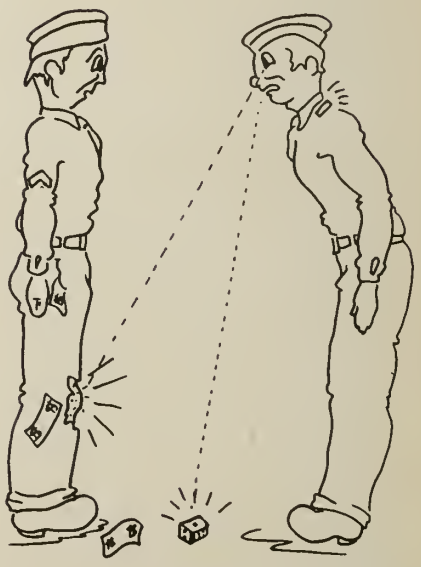
NANCY DUDLEY
"Nan"
"Good to be merry and wise."
Activities: Orchestra (1,2, 3); Chorus (2,3).
After school sports: (1,2,3).

ELLEN GODING
"El"
"Do something; if that doesn't work, try something else."
Activities: Graphic (2,3); Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (2,3); Chorus (1,2,3); Chemistry Club (3); Social Studies Club (2); Outing Club (2,3); Country Dance Club (1).
After school sports: (1).

LORRAINE M. FLAVELL
"Fluffy"
"Life is too short."
Activities: Chorus (1,2); Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1).



JAMES GLAZIER
"Jim"
"Life is just one 'blamed' thing after another."
Activities: Victory Corps (1).



"NO SIR! I PROPOSED TO MY GIRL LAST NIGHT"

PETER GORE
"Pete"

"The more the merrier."

Activities: Chorus (3); Social Studies Club (3); Camera Club (3).

Sports: Football (2,3—"A"—2,3); Swimming (2,3—"A"—2,3).

SHIRLEY ELIZABETH GOODWIN
"Shirl"

"A progeny of learning."

Activities: Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Chorus (1,3); Social Studies Club (3, Secretary); Outing Club (1,2,3).

After school sports: (1,2,3, —"A"—2,3).

TERESA ANN HAMILTON
"Teres"

"The busy bee has no time for sorrow."

Activities: Class President (1,2,3); Student Council (1,2,3, Secretary 2, Vice-President 3); Tri-S (1,2,3, Treasurer 1, Vice-President 2, President 3); Band (1,2,3); Outing Club (3).

After school sports: (1,2,3 —"A"—1).

SHIRLEY MAY HANKS
"Tede"

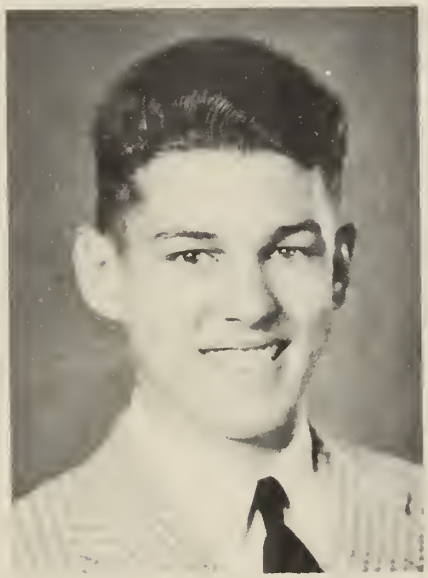
"Few things are impossible to diligence and skill."

Activities: Country Dance Club (1).

After school sports: (1,2,3 —"A"—1,3).

RICHARD HENRY HASKINS
"Putto"
"Make hay while the sun shines."
Activities: Hi-Y (2,3); Orchestra (1,2); Chorus (2,3); Victory Corps (1).

ELIZABETH HAYS
"Liz"
"One hours sleep before midnight is worth three after."
Activities: Chemistry Club (3); Social Studies Club (2,3).



KAMEL HASSAN
"Kam"
"I direct."
Activities: Class Treasurer (3); Hi-Y (2,3, Vice-President-2, President 3); Chorus (2,3); Chemistry (3); Outing Club (2,3, President 2); Class Play (2).
Sports: Football (1,2,3—"A"—1,2,3).

DORIS MAE HAYNES
"Dottie"
"Forward, Upward, and Onward."
Activities: Chorus (1); Dramatics Club (1); Country Dance Club (1).

Rhoda Arline Holcombe
"Rho"
"The good and wise lead quiet lives."
Activities: Social Studies Club (1); Country Dance Club (1,2); Chorus (1,2).

Edna Mae Holden
"Never say more than is necessary."
Activities: Country Dance Club (1); Victory Corps (1).

Bernice Howard
"Deeds not words."
Activities: Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1).

"IT WAS DONE BY A JAP TATTOOER. SO I SUNK IT"

Louise Mae Hrynyshyn
"Peanuts"
"Quiet persons are welcome everywhere."
Activities: Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1).

JOYCE HUBBARD
"Jerce"
"Excelsior."

Activities: Graphic (1,2,3); Tri-S (1,2,3); Orchestra (1,2,3); Band (1,2,3); Chorus (1,2,3); Social Studies Club (3); Outing Club (2); Dramatic Club (2); Country Dance Club (1,2).

After school sports: (1,2, 3); Cheerleading (2,3).

GENEVA FLORENCE JENKS
"Gee"
"Busy here and there."

Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Chorus (1,2); Chemistry Club (3); Outing Club (2); Class Play (2); Country Dance Club (1,2); Prize Speaking (1); Victory Corps (1).

After school sports: (1,2,3, —"A"—1,3).

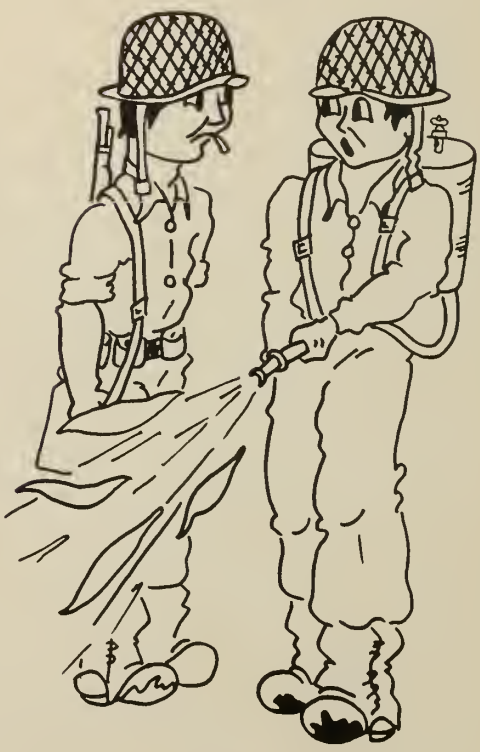
MARGARET FRANCES HUNT
"Maggie"
"While I breathe, I hope."

Activities: Pro Merito (2); Chorus (3); Country Dance Club (1); Victory Corps (1).

MARILYN J. JANTZ
"Jantzie"
"Friendship, Charity, and Loyalty."

Activities: Class Secretary-Treasurer (1,2); Student Council (1); Country Dance Club (2); Victory Corps (1); Pro Merito (2).

After school sports: (1,2, 3); Cheerleading (2,3).

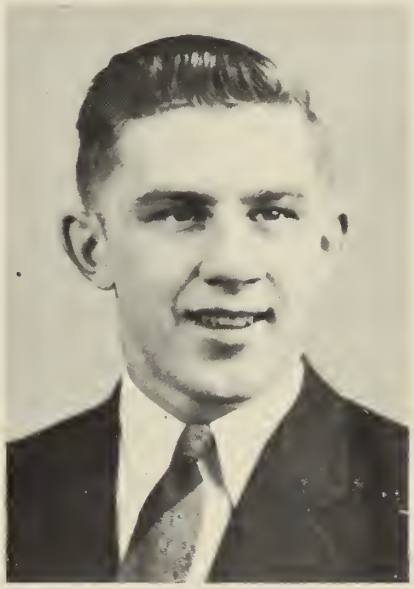


GOT A LIGHT ?

Charles McClure Johnson
"Charlie"
"To the stars through difficulties."
Activities: Class Vice-President (1); Student Council (1,2); Gold Bug (3); Hi-Y (2,3); Chemistry Club (3); Class Play (2); Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Football (2); Swimming (2).

Robert Edwards Jones
"Jonesy"
"Rugged individualism."
Activities: Student Council (3); Gold Bug (3); Graphic (1,2,3 Co-editor 3); Hi-Y (2,3); Social Studies Club (1,3); Class Play (2); Dramatics Club (3); Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Baseball (1—"A"—Manager).

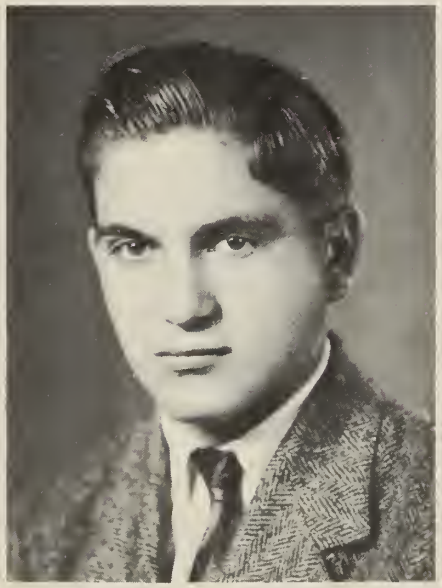
Victor Keedy
"Vic"
"To the victors belong the spoils."
Activities: Class Vice-President (2); Chorus (1); Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Football (1,2,3—"A"—2,3); Basketball (1,2,3 — "A" — 1,2,3); Baseball (1,2—"A"—1, 2).



Miriam Kennedy
"Kennedy"
"And yet she seemed busier than she was."
Activities: Graphic (1,2,3, Business Manager, 3); Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (1,2, 3); Chemistry Club (3); Social Studies Club (2,3); Outing Club (2,3); Class Play (2); Dramatics Club (3), President.

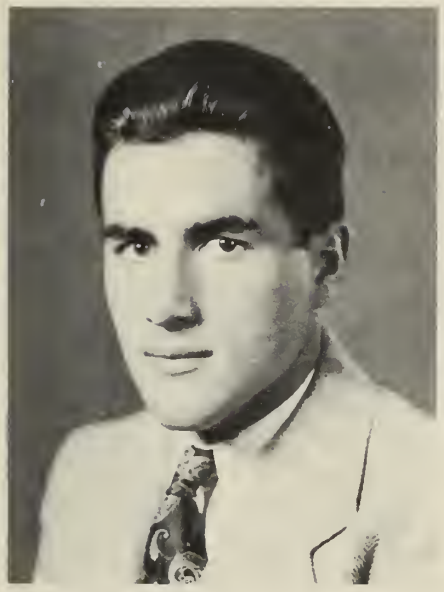
Robert E. Keyes
"Bob"
"I do not argue; I tell."
Activities: Victory Corps (1).

Muriel Rosalind Kimball
"Mur'l"
"Distinction without a difference."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Chorus (2); Chemistry Club (3); Social Studies Club (2,3); Outing Club (1); Victory Corps (1).
After school sports: (1,2,3).



Peter Kicza
"Pete"
"I shall find a way or — make one."
Activities: Model Airplane Club (3); Victory Corps (1).

Louise Kiely
"Lou"
"Wit and wisdom."
Activities: Pro Merito (2); Chemistry Club (3); Outing Club (3); Dramatics Club (3); Transfer from Watertown, Conn.



EDWIN A. KNIHNICKI
"Kinnick"
"Play the game."
Activities: Gold Bug (3, Business Manager); Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Football (1,2,3—"A"—1,2,3); Basketball (1,2,3—"A"—1,2).

VERONICA KORPITA
"Ronnie"
"Stand by for the crash."
Activities: Country Dance Club (1,2).

ROSALINE KOZIKOWSKI
"Rosie"
"Beauty is a good letter of introduction."
Activities: Country Dance Club (1,2).

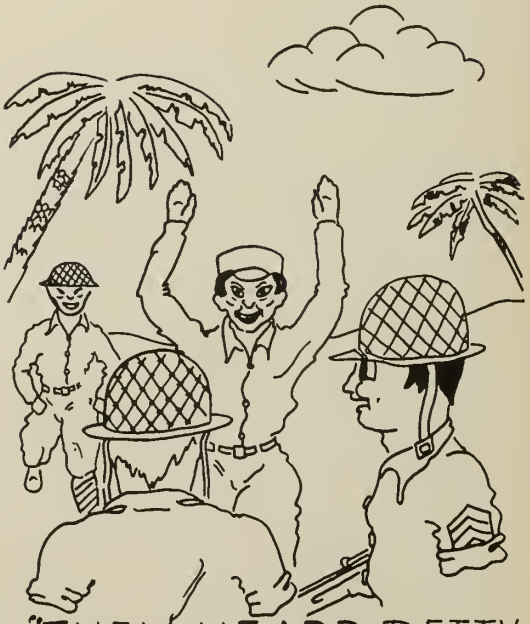
FLORENCE LASHWAY
"Flossy"
"A still small voice."
Activities: Country Dance Club (2).

Richard A. Leland
"Dick"
"Times are tough all around."
Activities: Student Council (2); Gold Bug (3); Hi-Y (2,3); Band (1,2, 3); Social Studies Club (3); Outing Club (3); Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Basketball Manager (3—"A"); Baseball (1, 2,3—"A"—2,3).

Richard Earl Maxson
"Dick"
"We must hang together."
Activities: Student Council (3, President); Graphic (3); Make-Up Editor; Hi-Y (2,3); Chorus (2, 3); Social Studies Club (2); Class Play (2); Dramatics Club (2).

Jesse Marymont
"Jess"
"Nimrod, the mighty hunter."
Activities: Social Studies Club (3); Chemistry Club (3).

Sophie Maturniak
"Soph"
"Sincerity is an openness of heart."
Activities: Country Dance Club (1); Victory Corps (1).



"THEY HEARD BETTY GRABLE IS HERE"

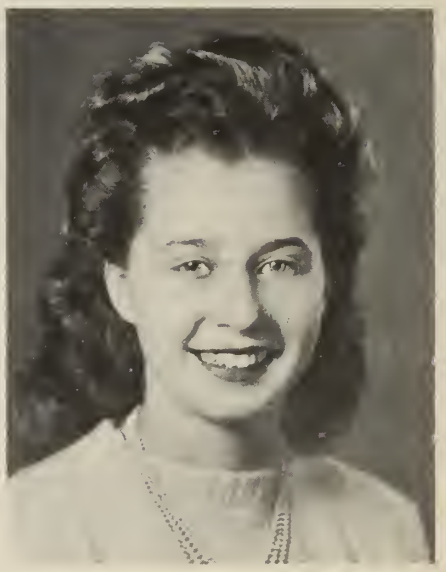
William A. Moore
"Bill"
"Face the music."
Activities: Band (1,2,3).

Marilyn Louise Moser
"Mose"
"Nothing is impossible to the willing heart."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Band (1,2,3); Chemistry Club (3); Chorus (2,3); Orchestra (1,2); Outing Club (1,2,3).
After school sports: (1,2,3).

Eleanor Margaret Kolasinski Moulton
"Lynn"
Better to wear out than to rust out."
Activities: Country Dance Club (1).

Violet Shepherd Nash
"Vickie"
"A smile in her eyes."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3).

Barbara Jane Nodine
"Barb"
"Lovely as the day."
Activities: Student Council (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Band (1,2,3); Orchestra (1,2, 3); Chorus (1,2,3); Outing Club (2,3); Secretary 3; Country Dance Club (1).
After school sports: (2,3).



Sophie Pelis
(Soph)
"Taste in dress."
Activities: Chorus (1); Country Dance Club (1,2).

Harold Ward Page
"Punk"
"Keep clean the game"
Activities: Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Football (1,2,3—"A"—1,2,3); Baseball (1,2,3—"A"—1,2,3).

Lewis Pappas
"Lew"
"Hold Fast."
Activities: Gold Bug (3); Chemistry Club (3, President); Chorus (1); Social Studies Club (2,3); Outing Club (2); Victory Corps (1).

SYLVIA PERRY
"Sooky"
"I have no superfluous leisure."
Activities: Country Dance Club (1); Red Cross Club (3); Victory Club (1).

CARL PETERSON
"Olle"
"Beware the fury of a patient man."
Activities: Victory (1).
Sports: Football (3—"A"); Basketball (3—"A"); Baseball (1,2—"A"—1,2).

TESSIE PLEPPO
"Tess"
"Leave no stone unturned."
Activities: Chorus (1); Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Club (1).
After school sports: (1).

"IM GLAD I WORE MY RUBBERS"

JUDITH MABEL POTTER
"Judy"
"Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick."
Activities: Graphic (2,3—Co-Editor—3); Pro Merito (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Band (2,3); Orchestra (3); Chorus (3); Outing Club (2,3); Country Dance Club (1); Victory Corps (1).

EVELYN LOUISE POWERS
"Midge"
"Good sense is at the bottom of everything."
Activities: Tri-S (1); Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1).

BARBARA ROSE
"Barb"
"Young in limbs in judgment old."
Activities: Orchestra (1,2, 3); Chorus (1,2,3); Country Dance Club (1,2); Red Cross Club (3); Victory Corps (1).

FRANCES PRANKUNAS
"Fran"
"Born with a gift of laughter."
Activities: Tri-S (3); Graphic (3); Outing Club (2); Dramatics (2); Country Dance Club (2).

JOY REYNOLDS
"Sis"
"Little friend of all the world."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Red Cross Club (3); President (3); Victory Corps (1).

DID YOU SEE THE SMILE SHE GAVE ME?

PAULINE CATHERINE RULE
"Polly"
"Watch for your opportunity."
Activities: Chorus (1,2); Class Play (2); Dramatics Club (3); Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1).
After school sports: (2,3).

JANET OLIVE SANCTUARY
"Jan"
"Patience is the best remedy for any trouble."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Band (1,2,3); Orchestra (1,2,3); Chorus (1,2,3); Outing Club (1,2,3); Victory Corps (1).
After school sports: (1,2,3).

PAUL SEREX
"Junie"
"An easy-minded soul and always was."
Activities: Hi-Y (2,3); Social Studies Club (3); Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Swimming (2,3—"A"—2,3).

JOAN E. SHEA
"Tiny"
"Rest and be thankful."
Activities: Victory Corps (1); Cheerleading (2,3).
After school sports: (1).

Barbara Jane Shumway
"Barb"
"Do it now."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Cheerleading (2,3).
After school sports: (1—"A"—1).

Charles E. Strange
"Chink"
"Throw fear to the wind."
Activities: Gold Bug (3).

Robert Slocomb
"Sib"
"Plow deep while sluggards sleep."
Activities: Victory Corps (1).

John Theodore Smith
"Ted"
"Companion to owls."
Activities: Projectionists Club (3); Victory Corps (1).

Rose Mary Sullivan
"Rosie"
"Never leave that 'til tomorrow which you can do today."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Country Dance Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1).

Jean Ann Swartz
"Jeanie"
"Who shall separate us?"
Activities: Country Dance Club (1); Victory Corps (1).

John A. Swartz
"Swartzie"
"Who shall separate us?"
Activities: Camera Club (1,2); Projectionists Club (1,2,3); Model Airplane Club (3); Victory Corps (1).

Stephen Thompson
"Steve"
"The witty man laughs least."
Activities: Student Council (1,2); Graphic (1,2,3); Social Studies Club (3); Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Football (2,3—"A"—3); Basketball (2,3); Baseball (1,3).

PATRICIA THOMSON
"Pat"
"No lim.t, but the skies."
Activities: C lass Secretary (3); Student Council (1,2,3 — Secretary, 3); Tri-S (1,2,3); Band (1, 2,3); Orchestra (1,2); Chorus (1,2,3); Outing Club (3); Pro Merito (2).
After school sports: (1,2,3 —"A"—1,3).

LINWOOD A. TRACHY
"Lin"
"Studious to please, yet not ashamed to fail."
Activities: Victory Corps (1).
Sports: Football (3).

VIRGINIA MAE STOCKWELL TIDLUND
"Ginny"
"To friendship every burden's light."
Activities: Country Dance Club (1); Victory Corps (1).

BARBARA ANN TILLSON
"B. Ann"
"Thank your stars."
Activities: Tri-S (3); Country Dance Club (1).

"IS YOU IS OR IS YOU AIN'T MY RIGHT BABY?

Janet Elizabeth Vondell
"Jan"
"Neat, not gaudy."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Chorus (1,2,3); Social Studies Club (3); Class Play (2); Dramatics Club (1,2); Victory Corps (1).
After school sports: (1,2,3 —"A"—2).

Shirley Ida Wales
"Shirl"
"Love conquers all."
Activities: Chorus (1,2,3); Dramatics Club (2); Country Dance Club (1).

Phyllis Bertha Ward
"Phil"
"Live, Love, Think, Pray, Dare."
Activities: Tri-S (1,2,3); Victory Corps (1); Cheerleading (2,3).

Marilyn Westcott
"Lee"
"The social smile, the sympathetic tear."
Activities: Student Council (1); Graphic (1,2,3); Orchestra (1,2,3); Chorus (1,2,3); Band (2,3, Publicity Manager (2); Tri-S (1,2,3); Social Studies (2); Prize Speaking (1); Pro Merito (2).
After school sports: (1).

Louise Jane Wilson
"Lou"
"He profits most who serves best."
Activities: Red Cross Club (3); Victory Corps (1).

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1945

On the wings of war the class of 1945 entered Amherst High School in the fall of 1941. On that first day of school, after learning the location of classes in the high school, most students were brought into their first realization of the year of their graduation—1945.

There was a feeling of "newness" about the Amherst High School world. Theoretically, we were in Junior High—ninth graders—but were called "Freshmen". We were permitted to attend the evening dancing classes. Kathleen Canavan, Joyce Hubbard, and Charles Johnson were on the Graphic staff. The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Patience" was given by the Junior High School and created many stars. Cast in principal roles were Janet Vondell as Patience, Marilyn Westcott as Angela, Patricia Thomson as Saphir, Betty Parkhurst as Ella, and Lewis Pappas as Grosvenor. Marilyn Westcott was the winner of the first Annual Robert E. Quirk Memorial Speaking Contest.

Sophomore year was another step nearer the top. The upper classmen took us into their clubs and activities, glad to welcome our promising class into the high school. This year was our first experience with election of class officers. Teresa Hamilton was elected president, Charles Johnson vice-president, and Marilyn Jantz secretary-treasurer. Miss Duffy was chosen class adviser. Eight members of our class worked for the Graphic. Sophomores included in the cast of the musical "The Nightingale" were Patricia Thomson, Barbara Nodine, Teresa Hamilton, Joyce Hubbard, Geneva Jenks, Betty Parkhurst, Pauline Rule, Janet Vondell, and Marilyn Westcott.

Members of our class starred in football on many occasions. At the Ware game Harold Page intercepted a pass which won the game for Amherst. At the Palmer game Page again starred as did Charles Abramson and George Selanis. Stanley Cislo, Kamel Hassan, Victor Keedy, Edwin Knihnicki, and Frank Shufelt were also members of the football squad. We remember well tramping through the snow on frosty nights to see basketball games. Charles Abramson, Victor Keedy, Edwin Knihnicki, George Selanis, and Henry Wziontka were members of this almost entirely sophomore team. In the spring Charles Abramson, Victor Keedy, Richard Leland, Harold Page, Carl Peterson, George Selanis, Frank Shufelt, Ralph Thornton, Stephen Thompson, and Henry Wziontka made the baseball team.

Contestants in the annual Millett Cup Declamation Contest were Geneva Jenks, Miriam Kennedy, Marilyn Moser, Irene Tufts, and Marilyn Westcott. Cleo Anderson and Paul Serex were prize winners in the essay contest on South America which was sponsored by the Rotary Club. In May our class was host at the Peppermint Prom. Ray Black's Orchestra furnished the music. At graduation exercises in June, Mr. Perry announced that the class of 1945 had won the coveted Stowell Cup. Honors went to Pamela Blundell in Latin.

At the first class meeting in our Junior year Teresa Hamilton was elected president, Victor Keedy vice-president, and Marilyn Jantz secretary-treasurer. Literary aspirants on the "Graphic" included Elinor Anderson, Nancy Cornelius, Ellen Goding, Elizabeth Hays, Joyce Hubbard, Robert Jones, Miriam Kennedy, Betty Parkhurst, Judith Potter, Stephen Thompson, and Marilyn Westcott.

Football, basketball, and baseball claimed the attention of the class athletes who played last year as Sophomores with the addition of Peter Gore, who entered this school that year. Swimming was revived as a competitive sport; and Gordon Bridges, Peter Gore, and Paul Serex made the team.

For the interclass play competition in March the Juniors presented "Yes Means No" with Miss Duffy as coach. Those taking part were: Nancy Dean, Robert Jones, Richard Maxson, Marilyn Moser, and Lewis Pappas. Those participating in the Junior class play, Goldsmith's "What a Life", were Geneva Jenks, Isabel Bowen, Jean Carter, John DeNyse, Kamel Hassan, Elizabeth Hayes, Louise Hrynyshyn, Charles Johnson,

Robert Jones, Miriam Kennedy, Thomas Mannett, Richard Maxson, Betty Parkhurst, Pauline Rule, Shirley Wales, Clarence Warner, Marilyn Westcott, and Janet Vondell.

In "Blow Your Own Horn", the musical show written and directed by Kenneth MacKillop Jr., Joyce Hubbard had the lead. Other Juniors taking part were Jean Carter, Nancy Dean, John DeNyse, Nancy Dudley, Ellen Goding, Teresa Hamilton, Miriam Kennedy, Rosalind Kozikowski, Sophie Maturniak, Jesse Marymont, Richard Maxson, Marilyn Moser, Barbara Nodine, Sophie Pelis, Jeanette Sanctuary, Patricia Thomson, Janet Vondell, and Marilyn Westcott.

Class members in the orchestra included Nancy Dudley, John DeNyse, Richard Haskins, Joyce Hubbard, Marilyn Moser, Barbara Nodine, Barbara Rose, Patricia Thomson, Jeanette Sanctuary, and Marilyn Westcott. Members in the band were Nancy Dudley, Teresa Hamilton, Joyce Hubbard, William Moore, Marilyn Moser, Barbara Nodine, John DeNyse, Richard Leland, Jesse Marymont, Rosemary Brown, Jeanette Sanctuary, Patricia Thomson, and Marilyn Westcott.

The Juniors gave the Senior Reception, a formal party, with Ray Black's Orchestra in June. Irene Tufts won the essay contest sponsored by the Small High School Basketball Tournament, and Marilyn Westcott and Elinor Anderson won prizes in the "Know Your Money Contest." Ellen Goding won the Physics prize, Shirley Goodwin and Robert Jones won the History prizes, and Teresa Hamilton won the Home Nursing prize. At the June graduation exercises the Class of 1945 was again proclaimed the winner of the Stowell Cup.

Early in the Senior year we came into possession of our class rings and pins. Plans were made for photographing class members by the Kinsman Studio. Teresa Hamilton was again chosen class president, John DeNyse vice-president, Patricia Thomson secretary, and Kamel Hassan treasurer. The Student Council elected Richard Maxson president, Teresa Hamilton vice-president, and Patricia Thomson secretary. Robert Jones and Judith Potter were editors of the Graphic, and Varnum Abbott and Mary Lou Clark became editors of the Gold Bug.

Serving on the gridiron in addition to those mentioned before were Linwood Trachy, Stephen Thompson, and Carl Peterson. Amherst High School cheerleaders chosen from our class were Barbara Shumway, captain, Joyce Hubbard, Marilyn Jantz, Joan Shea, and Phyllis Ward. Those taking part in the cast of "Antic Spring", our entry in the interclass play contest, were Louise Kiely, Varnum Abbott, Patricia Thomson, John DeNyse, Robert Jones, and Geneva Jenks.

It is evident from the number in our class who were elected to Pro-Merito, our honorary society, that our class could achieve excellence in the intellectual realms as well as in the extra-curricular.

As our Senior year draws to a close we pause to reminisce, and what comes to our mind? The events already mentioned to be sure, but also certain persons and events which gave our class its particular personality. We shall never forget: Kamel's booming laugh, Thompson's puns, Gore and Maxson's trip through the Hatfield fields, Smith and Kicza swooping low over Amherst in their planes, Joyce's sweet swinging voice, Trachy and his car, Nancy's ability to cower strong men in order to apply make-up for dramatics, and Keyes' ability to imitate any barnyard fowl.

The present news of Allied progress in World War II is promising to us as seniors, especially regarding the future of the world and our own lives. It is promising when compared with the dark days after the Pearl Harbor attack which occurred in December of our Freshman year. Many members of the class are serving in the armed forces; they began to enlist in the Sophomore year. Nineteen hundred and forty-five has arrived—our graduation year and, we pray, peace to the world.

The time will come
When all wars shall cease.
There'll be glories for some
And for all of us peace.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE CLASS OF 1945

Varnum Abbott leaves with a wad of gum on a long stick to retrieve that two cents he dropped down the manhole.

Charlie Abramson bequeaths his basketball ability to Stuart Gunn, the future star of A.H.S.

Cleo Anderson cart-wheels from Amherst High.

Elinor Anderson bestows her writing technique upon Miss Buker's English class for next year.

Ernest Bacon tactfully bequeaths his typewriter to Miss Dwyer.

Olive Bixby leaves for better hunting grounds—New York?

Pam Blundell gives *Sigurd Odegard* the privilege of managing the Democratic platform in Amherst High for the next three years.

Isabelle Bowen finally leaves the gym.

Gordon Bridges bequeaths his wolf call to all the undergraduate wolf pack.

Mimi Brown returns the greater portion of books to the stacks of the Jones Library.

Julia Bysiewski leaves to give Mademoiselle Magazine ideas for clothes and how to wear them.

Kathleen Canavan leaves her naturally curly hair to any girl who worries about her hair staying up.

Laura Canon leaves with a sparkle(er).

Jean Carter leaves us wide-eyed.

Stan Cislo leaves just *one* brother in Amherst High School.

Mary Lou Clark exits blushing.

Joan Clifford wanders from Amherst High in a daze.

Dorothy Cobbs leaves her job as soda jerker to Iris Bain.

"Goat" Cornelius departs for greener pastures.

Nancy Dean leaves the cheering section deflated.

Jack DeNyse leaves to become a future admiral in the United States Navy.

Charles DeRose unobtrusively makes his departure.

Peggy Desmond leaves Room 6, craning her neck to see who's absent.

Alice Dickinson leaves a silence only to be broken by the howls of some junior wolves (*Stedman* and *McKeeman*) applying for senior membership.

Nancy Dudley bestows her ability as drum majorette to *Fritzy Cornelius.*

Lorraine Flavell leaves her ability to annoy *Miles Seaver* to *June Warner.*

Ellen Goding presents an "A" to each member of the Junior class.

Shirley Goodwin bequeaths her "A"'s to Miss Chase's struggling mathematicians.

James Glazier departs in search of *a* cigarette.

Teresa Hamilton departs to become the first woman President of the United States.

Shirley Hanks leaves the office to some talented person to carry on her good work.

Dick Haskins leaves rural electrification to Dr. Marks.

Kamel Hassan donates his supply of loud ties to Mr. Perry.

"Liz" Hays leaves Einstein puzzled.

Doris Haynes gratefully leaves the Chem. Lab.

Rhoda Holcombe tries to give her sister, *Arletta,* her tranquil manner.

Edna Holden leaves her position at Hastings to anyone interested in the "news".

Bernice Howard makes her departure from the pleasant atmosphere of Room 6.

Louise Hrynyshyn leaves Miss Pinnick with happy memories.

Joyce Hubbard leaves echoes of her melodious voice lingering in Amherst High.

Margaret Hunt leaves Miss Don Carlos in peace.

Marilyn Jantz donates her old sneakers to the scrap drive.

Geneva Jenks regretfully leaves the underclassmen.

Charles Johnson bestows his ability in Chemistry upon *James Stoughton.*

Robert Jones donates his Dewey buttons to *Arthur Tybies.*
Vic Keedy leaves his green socks to the moths of Amherst High.
Miriam Kennedy leaves the Graphic stock up two and three eighths.
Bob Keyes just leaves and even that's enough to break a Sophomore's heart.
Peter Kicza bestows his plane to Mr. Oliver's Air Scouts.
Louise Kiely leaves her titrations to Mr. Swift.
Muriel Kimball bequeaths her artistic ability to *Gloria Phelps.*
Eddie Knihnicki can't leave the world of sports alone.
Veronica Korpita leaves her hearty yell for Sunderland to *Shirley Gross.*
Rosalind Kosakowski leaves her powers of attraction to *Ann Fellers.*
Florence Lashway departs from the cafeteria for something more palatable.
Dick Leland shoos his "chicks" to *Tom Martin.*
Jesse Marymont leaves with his . . . . "dear"(?)
Sophie Maturniak leaves in plenty of time to get where she's going.
Dick Maxson leaves his car tracks in a carrot patch.
Marilyn Moser gives her brother *Kenny* a place in the Amherst High School band.
Eleanor Moulton leaves Miss Hale and her work to her sister *Dorothy.*
Violet Nash leaves her entering and exit-ing to *"Sockie" Babacas* to see how he will finish.
"Punk" Page leaves, but not without *Phyllis.*
Lewis Pappas bequeaths his keen with (?) upon *Earl Cramer.*
Sophie Pelis bestows her "great big beautiful eyes" upon *Marie Joy.*
Sylvia Perry leaves her beloved books to A.H.S. Library.
Carl Peterson leaves "Crow Hill".
Tessie Pleppo leaves Mr. Swift to *Carol Wziontka.*
Judy Potter hands out the headache pills to the future Graphic editor.
Evelyn Powers leaves her motto "Silence is golden" to *Donald Goodyear.*
Frances Prankunas departs to be a "stand-in" for Veronica Lake.
Joy Reynolds bestows her dancing technique upon *Caldwell Toll.*
Barbara Rose takes her violin with her.
Pauline Rule leaves Dr. Marks to pronounce his own words.
Janet Sanctuary goes to join the "Junior Birdmen".
Paul Serex bequeaths his car to Mr. Oliver.
Joan Shea leaves cheering.
Barbara Shumway leaves her powerful voice to *Peggy Grady.*
Bob Slocombe leaves a truck full of undelivered clothes to that careful driver *Larsen*—if he wants it.
John Smith leaves, reminding the girls that his middle name is *Theodore.*
Charlie Strange bequeaths his artistic talent to Dr. Marks who can no doubt use it.
Rose Sullivan leaves her giggle to the underclass girls.
Jean Swartz leaves a much-needed seat on the North Amherst bus.
John Swartz leaves with a Projectionist Club pass.
Steve Thompson donates his "corn" to help the "Food for Victory Drive".
Pat Thomson returns looking for what she left behind.
Barbara Tillson departs to set up her own beauty shoppe specializing in Veronica Lake coiffure.
Linwood Trachy leaves as a shining example of what too much exercise will do to a fellow.
Janet Vondell leaves in a "Dizzy" whirl.
Shirley Wales leaves her poetic ability to *Fred Luddy.*
Phyllis Ward—For sale—Rights to the rut in the road from Pelham to Amherst for limited time to any worthy soul wanting use of same.
Marilyn Westcott leaves her bass drum for a "lighter" vein of music.
Louise Wilson departs in her car for the hills of Pelham.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CLASS OF 1945

Boy who has done the most for A. H. S. *Richard Maxson*

Girl who has done the most for A. H. S. *Teresa Hamilton*

Boy who has done the most for '45 ... *Richard Maxson*

Girl who has done the most for '45 ... *Teresa Hamilton*

Most respected boy ... *Richard Maxson*

Most respected girl ... *Teresa Hamilton*

Boy with most pleasing personality ... *John DeNyse*

Girl with most pleasing personality ... *Nancy Cornelius*

Most promising boy ... *Richard Maxson*

Most promising girl ... *Ellen Goding*

Most responsible boy ... *Richard Maxson*

Most responsible girl ... *Teresa Hamilton*

Most efficient boy ... *Richard Maxson*

Most efficient girl ... *Pamella Blundell*

Quietest boy ... *Charles DeRose*

Quietest girl ... *Judith Potter*

Noisiest boy ... *Lewis Pappas*

Noisiest girl ... *Nancy Dean*

Most talkative boy ... *Lewis Pappas*

Most talkative girl ... *Nancy Dean*

Best-looking boy ... *Harold Page*

Best-looking girl ... *Nancy Cornelius*

Cutest boy ... *Charles Abramson*

Cutest girl ... *Rosalind Kozikowski*

Most popular boy ... *John DeNyse*

Most popular girl ... *Teresa Hamilton*

Cheeriest boy ... *John DeNyse*

Cheeriest girl ... *Patricia Thomson*

Wittiest boy ... *Lewis Pappas*

Wittiest girl ... *Elizabeth Hays*

Most bashful boy ... *Charles DeRose*

Most bashful girl ... *Judith Potter*

Best mixer (boy) ... *Richard Maxson*

Best mixer (girl) ... *Teresa Hamilton*

Our sophisticated lady ... *Frances Prankunas*

Our chivalrous gentleman ... *Kamel Hassan*

Our promising young business man *Edwin Knihnicki*

Our class teachers' pet ... *Shirley Goodwin*

The class athlete (boy) ... *Charles Abramson*

The class athlete (girl) ... *Marilyn Jantz*

Class optimist ... *Elizabeth Hays*

Class pessimist ... *Lewis Pappas*

Class musician ... *William Moore*

Class artist ... *Charles Strange*

Class vocalist ... *Joyce Hubbard*

Class humorist ... *Stephen Thompson*

Class clown ... *Nancy Dean*

Class orator ... *Robert Jones*

Class champion bluffer ... *Lewis Pappas*

Class woman hater ... *Robert Slocombe*

Class man hater ... *Pamella Blundell*

'45's smoothest dancer (boy) ... *John DeNyse*

'45's smoothest dancer (girl) ... *Joy Reynolds*

Class dude ... *Kamel Hassan*

Favorite couple (in class) *Harold Page* and *Phyllis Ward*

Favorite song ... *"Don't Fence Me In"*

Favorite men's college ... *Amherst*

Favorite women's college ... *Smith*

Favorite indoor sport ... *Basketball*

Favorite outdoor sport ... *Baseball*

Favorite actor ... *Van Johnson*

Favorite actress ... *Greer Garson*

"We regret to inform you--"

Flickering firelight made grotesque shadows on the wall. The logs snapped and sputtered as the flames leaped eagerly up the chimney.

A huge dog lay sleeping on the hearthstone. His paws wiggled, and short, shrill yaps escaped from his massive jaws. I wondered what he was dreaming about. Maybe it was a rabbit or a deer. But, do you know something? It's my guess that he was dreaming of a place where the wind sobs through majestic pines and streams run clear, cool, deep.

Outside, the snow swirled, eddied, and finally settled down to a soft white blanket. There are not many out tonight—man or beast. Yes, it is a good night to be inside; a good night to be where it is warm; a good night to be with someone you love. Instead of being warm, my heart is cold. Instead of being with someone I love, there is only the memory of words searing my eyes, beating against my brain, sending me into the valley of the shadows—"We regret to inform you—."

—Shirley Hanks.

Alien and cold, the pale stars glimmer
Through the purple dark;
The barren trees etch their ghostlike shadows across the wan snow.

What sights and sounds have these ageless spheres witnessed,
Swinging in their ceaseless swirls through space—
Families torn, one from the other, and scattered like grains of chaff
amidst the utter parts, where God walks rarely.

How shall this insignificant one,
Dwarfed by the immensity of all I survey,
Hope for God's notice to my prayer?—
"Grant that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name
Thou wilt grant their requests . . . ."

We are here—the trees, the stars, the snow, and I,
Praying that man may have erred for once—
That the fatal scrap of official yellow is a mistake.

—Elizabeth Hays.

SCHOOL LIFE

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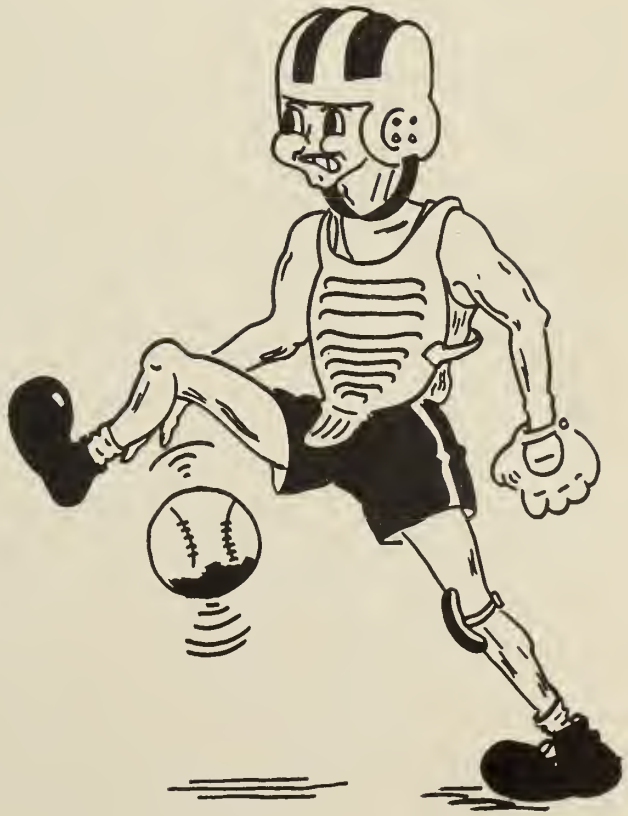


JUNIOR CLASS

The Junior Class distinguished itself this year by two facts: it had two presidents, Bob Lauder and Danny Keedy, and proved its dramatic ability with its presentation of *June Mad*. Miss Chase is the class adviser.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

The Sophomore Class led by President Malcolm Modrzakowski was well represented in all of the various school activities indicating that the Class of 1947 will be a definite asset to Amherst High School. Mr. Swift is the class adviser.

SOCIAL STUDIES CLUB

Lively and interesting discussions have kept this club a favorite. Speakers have been called in by the president, John DeNyse, and its adviser, Mr. Marks, to speak on topics interesting to the members.

DRAMATIC CLUB

This year the club has presented a Christmas play. Led by Miriam Kennedy, the club has been under the guidance of Miss Buker and Miss Brown. The purpose of the club, which is to acquaint the members with dramatics and make-up, has started many hopeful hearts on the road to Hollywood.

PROJECTIONISTS CLUB

Under its adviser Mr. Swift, the Projectionists' Club has been one of the most active clubs this year. Various movie assemblies have been under the supervision of the club, whose president is Arthur Harris. Through actual experience the members are taught to operate the machines.

CAMERA CLUB

With Harold Reed as president and Mr. Lacroix as adviser, the Camera Club has been very active this year. Still life shots were made of Nancy Cornelius and Gloria Phelps. Through experience the technique of photography is taught.

TRI-S

Members of the Tri-S have been very busy this season in supplying the servicemen with Christmas boxes and trying to find escorts for the various social functions of the club.

HI-Y

This club has been unusually lucky in being able to have returning servicemen speak to them at their meetings. Under Kamel Hassan the club has been active, too, in various social activities.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross is an organization which really contributes to the war effort. Miss Donlon acted as adviser and Joy Reynolds as president.

CHEMISTRY

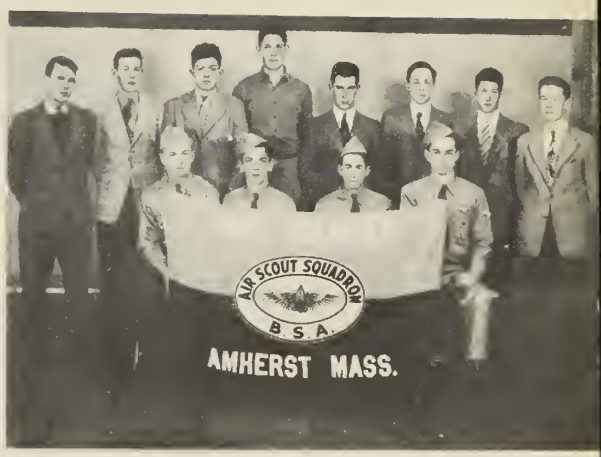
This club made its first appearance this year and is the brainchild of Mr. Swift. A great deal of interest has been taken in it. We would say it's a club that is here to stay.

MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

The Model Airplane Club is composed of an enthusiastic group of boys who, under Mr. Oliver's tutelage, really know their planes.

AIR SCOUTS

The Air Scouts helped in the war effort by collecting paper for the Scrap Drive. They also took part in a district meeting at Greenfield. Mr. Oliver is the adviser.



OUTING CLUB

The Outing Club under the leadership of Varnum Abbott president, and Miss Nagle, adviser, climbed mountains, skied, and roller-skated with greater enthusiasm than ever before.

DEBATING CLUB

A debating club was organized this year under the guidance of Miss Brown. The team was a member of the Connecticut Valley Debating League and succeeded in tying for the third place. Since all of the team were Sophomores we are looking forward to an even better season in 1945-46.

PRO-MERITO

The scholastic honor society of the school includes those Juniors and Seniors who attain a required scholastic rating.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Under the capable leadership of Richard Maxson and the guidance of Miss Duffy, the student government has been very active promoting the Sheila Adam Drive and in selling War Bonds and Stamps.

GRAPHIC

With Robert Jones and Judith Potter as co-editors, this year's school paper has been of better quality and has interested the students a great deal. Copies of the school paper have been sent to all of our servicemen.

GOLD BUG

With Miss Buker's guidance and under the watchful eyes of the two editors. Mary Lou Clark and Varnum Abbott, and the business manager Edward Kniihnicki, the yearbook, the *Gold Bug*, has been assured a prosperous season.

BASKETBALL

After taking the first 7 contests Amherst's 1945 quintet failed to live up to expectations. The Hurricanes lost 8 games and won a total of 14. Four of the games were lost by two points, and Hopkins won both encounters.

FOOTBALL

Football ranged from the triumphant to the disastrous in 1944. Victory came against Classical 7-0, Palmer 2-0, and Deerfield J. V. 7-0. Buckley inflicted the worst defeat of 34-6, and Northampton was pressed but won 14-12. The games with Athol 7-7 and Enfield 6-6 were among the hardest battles. Keedy, Bias, Abramson, and Knihnicki were outstanding.

BASEBALL

Winning the Hampshire League and fighting to the Western Massachusetts finals the 1944 baseballers compiled a 14-4 won-lost record. Vic Keedy pitched 8 wins and led the hitters with a .370 average. Correale, Page and Peterson were .300 sluggers on this great ball club.

SWIMMING

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Joe Rogers' swimmers met tough opposition losing 3 of 4 meets but were second only to Springfield Tech in the Western Counties meet. The sole victory came against Middletown. Gore, Bridges, Serex, Kennedy and Thompson were swimming bulwarks while Carter turned in a stellar diving performance.

GIRLS' SPORTS

Girls' sports included soccer and field hockey in the fall season, volley ball and basketball during the winter, and in the spring, softball. In field hockey and basketball, for the first time in years, outside teams were played adding much to the enjoyment of the year's sports.

CHORUS

The outstanding performance of the chorus at the Christmas Concert, conducted by Mr. MacKillop, received the same favorable comments that all choruses have had in the past.

BAND

The band's outstanding performance of this year was at the Northampton-Amherst football game when the band made a dazzling appearance, directed by Mr. MacKillop and led by the drum-majorette, Nancy Dudley.

ORCHESTRA

The orchestra's appearance and assistance at the Christmas Concert were evidence of the good work done by them and their able leader, Mr. MacKillop.

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